GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:92
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POLLUTION BY CEMENT INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cement Industries cause pollution by emitting Carbon Dioxide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 92 to be answered on 21st November, 2007 on "Pollution by Cement Industries" by Shri Kinjarapu Yerrannaidu.

(a) to (c) The cement industry in its various processes emits suspended particulate matter (SPM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) besides carbon dioxide (CO_2), which is produced during the calcination process. The emission of CO_2 depends on the type of production processes, their efficiency, fuel used etc.

The steps taken to control pollution from the cement industry include:

Notification of emission standards for cement industry.
The adoption of Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection (CREP) for 17 categories of industries including cement.
Regular monitoring for compliance of environmental standards.